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In re application of:

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Serial No.: 09/295,463

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For: **IDENTIFICATION OF GENETIC TARGETS FOR MODULATION BY
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND GENERATION OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES
FOR GENE MODULATION**

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2001 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 47, line 4 of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Target protein levels can be quantitated in a variety of ways well known in the art, such